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SUBJECT: FAHMY'S MSAWWAR INTERVIEW

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1. IN LENGTHY INTERVIEW WITH CAIRO WEEKLY, MUSAWWAR APRIL 21,  
FONMIN FAHMY TOUCHED ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF EGYPTIAN FOREIGN POLICY

A) PEACE PROCESS. SINCE OCTOBER WAR, ALL EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC  
INITIATIVES WERE UNDERTAKEN IN CONTEXT OF CEASEFIRE (I.E.,  
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WERE MILITARY, NOT POLITICAL). SADAT  
TRIP TO US AND EUROPE WAS PRELUDE TO SECOND STAGE, AND DURING  
WHICH POLITICAL SOLUTION, BOTH JUST AND COMPREHENSIVE, AND WILL  
BE COMPLETED. OTHER ARAB LEADERS WILL SUPPORT SADAT'S  
INITIATIVES. "I ALSO EXPECT THERE WILL BE DRIVE AT HIGHEST  
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LEVEL BY OUR PALESTINIAN BROTHERS" (TO SUPPORT SADAT).  
B) USSR POICY. EGYPT IS READY FOR CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION,  
BUT BALL IS IN SOVIET COURT. BILATERAL CONTACTS HAVE BEEN  
CONTINUOUS, AND MOVEMENT DEPENDS ON SOVIET UNDERSTANDING THAT  
RELATIONSHIP MUST BE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT FOR NATIONAL  
SOVEREIGNTY. SOVIET ACTIVITIY ON EGYPT'S SOUTHERN AND WESTERN  
BORDERS IS REGRETTABLE. USSR WHOULD ASSIST ARAB

COUNTRIES WHOSE TERRITORIES ARE OCCUPIED (RE EYPT) INSTEAD OF  
"STABBING THEM IN THE BACK."

C) SINCE EGYPT IS AFRICAN AS WELL AS ARAB, GOE GIVES TOP  
PRIORITY TO AFRICAN ISSUES AND SUPPORTS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS  
IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND "THE POEOPLE" OF SOUTH AFRICA. WHAT  
OCCURS IN HORN DIRECTLY THREATENS SUDAN, WHICH BOUND TO EGYPT  
BY CLOSEST RELATIONSHIP. ETHIOPIAN AFFAIRS ARE DOMESTIC ISSUE,  
BUT EGYPT WILL NOT TOLERATE MACHINATIONS AIMED AT DESTROYING  
AFRICAN UNITY AND CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW ISRAEL CAN BE PERMITTED  
RETURN TO THIS AREA, SINCE ISRAELI PRESENCE GRAVELY AFFECTS  
ARAB SECUIRITY. EGYPT IS HISTORICALLY BOUND TO SOMALIA AND  
FACES SAME DANGER FROM ISRAEL AND OTHER "INTRUDING POWERS."  
GOE SUPPORTS INDEPENDENCE OF DJIBOUTI AND ASKS ETHIOPIAN  
GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ERITREAN PEOPLE.  
(SEE REFTEL FOR REMARKS ON ZAIRE.)

D) NON-POLITICAL ARMY. UP TO 1967, EGYPT HAD A "POLITICAL ARMY"  
BUT SADAT MADE IT A FIRST CLASS TECHNICAL FIGHTING ARMY.

2. COMMENT: SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS ARE SPEAKING OUT CONSTANTLY  
ABOUT DANGER OF SOVIET/LIBYAN ACTIVITIES IN HORN AND AGAINST  
SUDAN. THIS ISSUE HAS BECOME A MAJOR MFA CONCERN.  
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